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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday June 16, 2020

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## Summary of the Upcoming Week



• Elevated to critical fire weather conditions today and tomorrow for the OK Panhandle and portions of NM.

 No significant weather through the work week, with a continuation of dry conditions across most of the Region.

• A weather pattern change late this weekend into next week w/ increased rain chances for OK, AR, TX, LA.

## FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

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DAY / THREAT	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	OK Panhandle NW NM	OK Panhandle NE & W NM			
Tropical Winds / Surge					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	AR, LA	AR, LA	AR, LA	AR, LA	AR, LA



\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\*

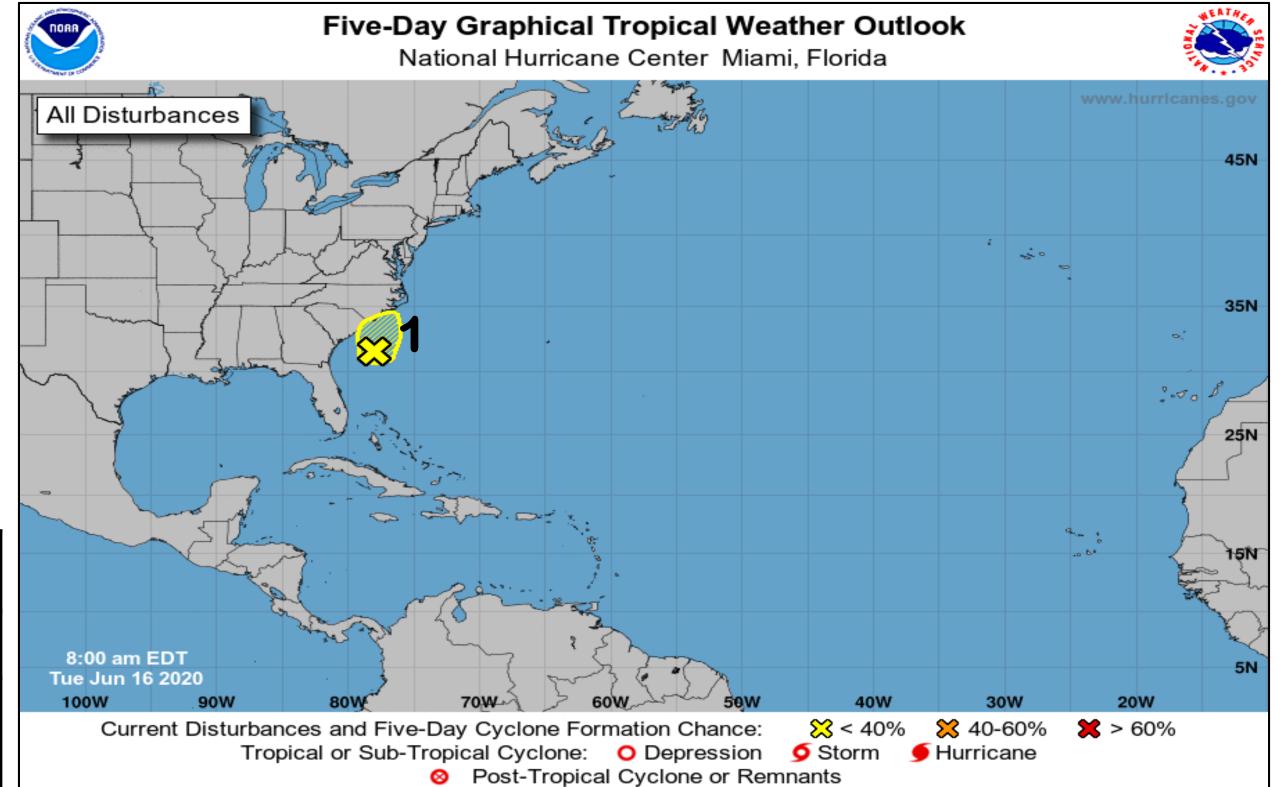
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

### Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



Areas of Possible Development			
Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6	
1	Low	None.	

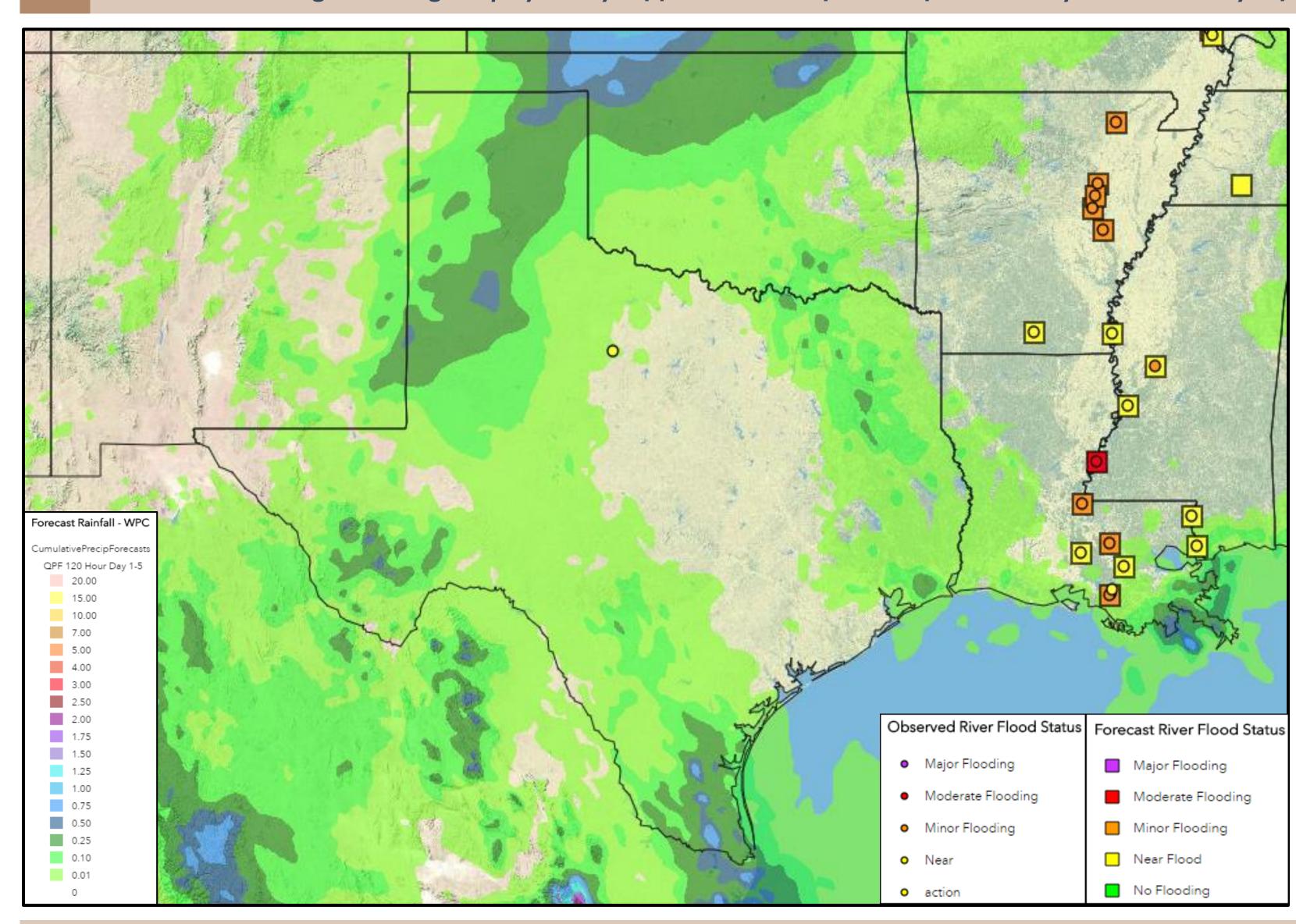
Active Tropical Cyclones			
Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6		
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### 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Portions of the White and Black Rivers in EAR will remain in minor flood stage throughout this week with impacts primarily to farmland.

The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City in S LA will remain in/near minor flood stage throughout this week with impacts primarily to vessel traffic.

The Lower MS River in LA will continue to fall with all points below flood stage by this weekend or early next week.

Impacts are to access roads, river traffic, and industrial activity on the river.

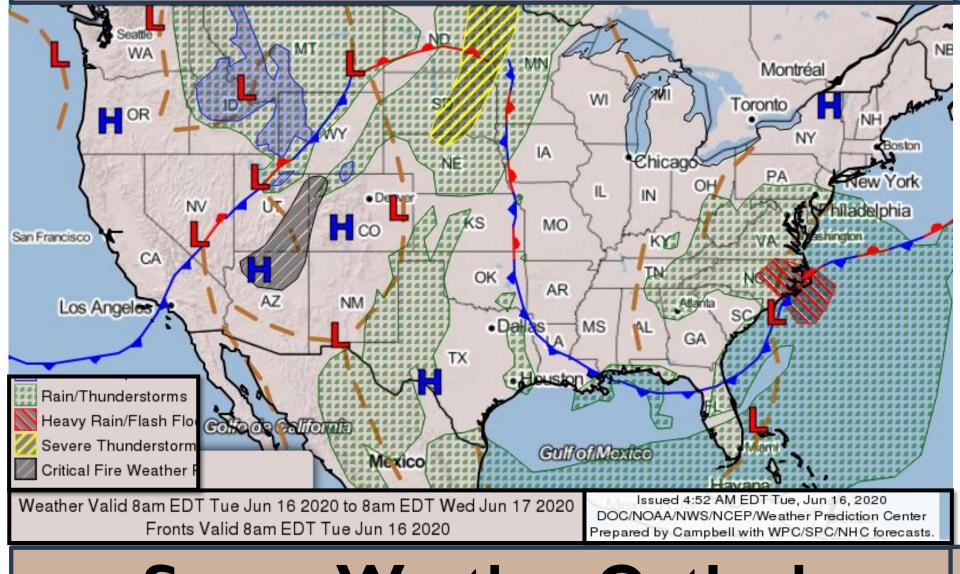
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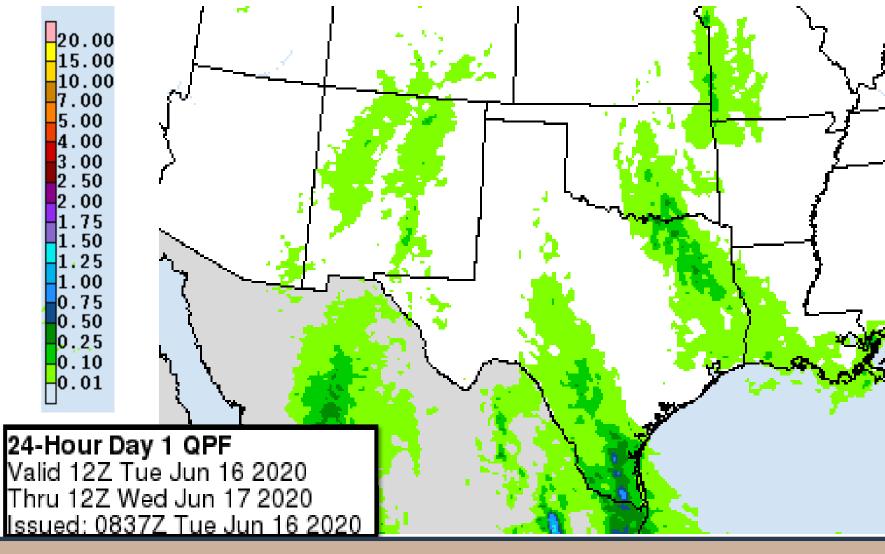
## Today's Weather

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#### **Forecast Chart**

#### **Forecast Rainfall**



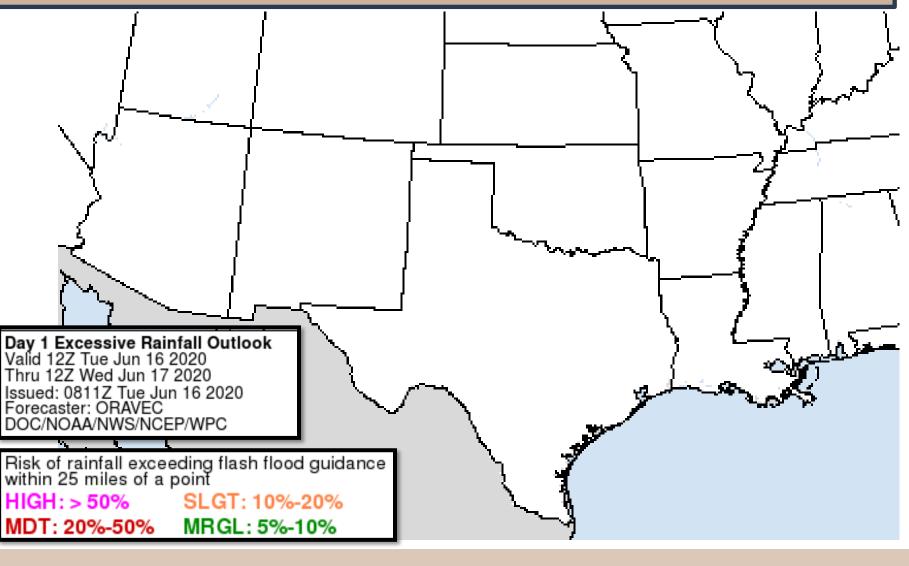


## No significant weather expected.

#### Severe Weather Outlook

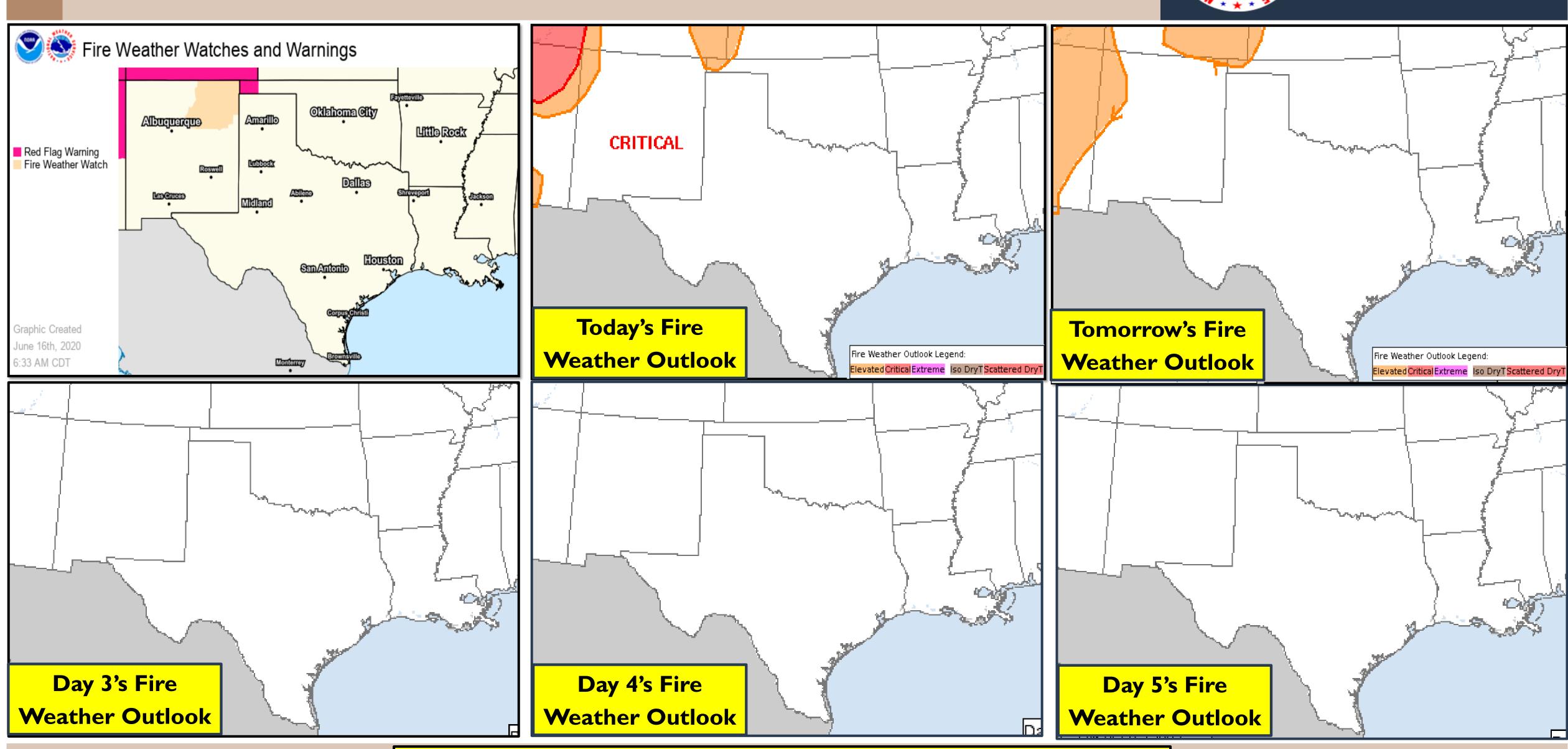






### Fire Weather Outlooks





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Note: Days 3-5 only highlight Critical areas

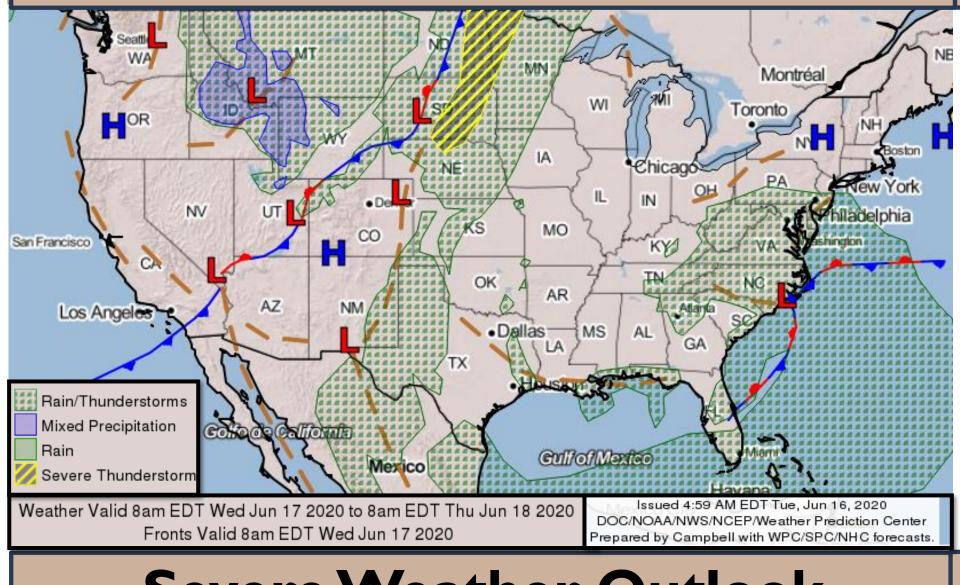
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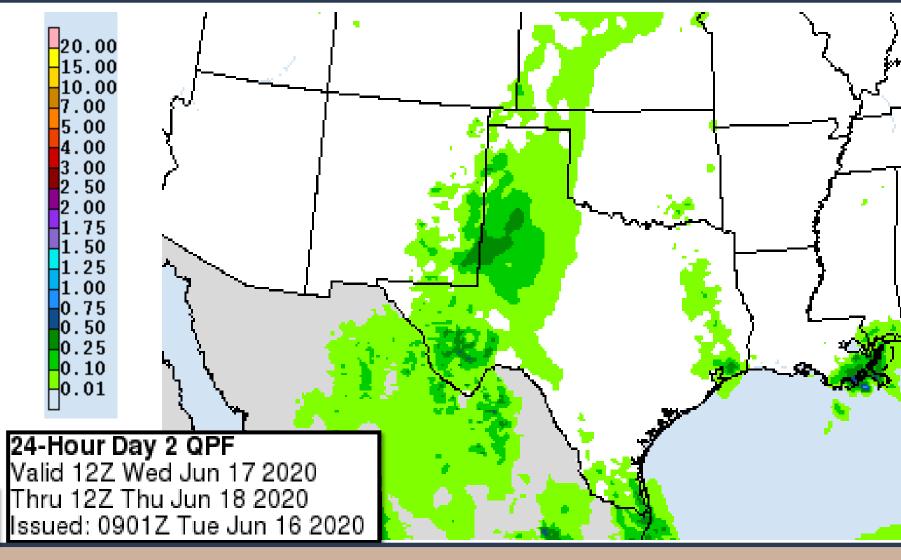
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#### **Forecast Chart**

#### **Forecast Rainfall**

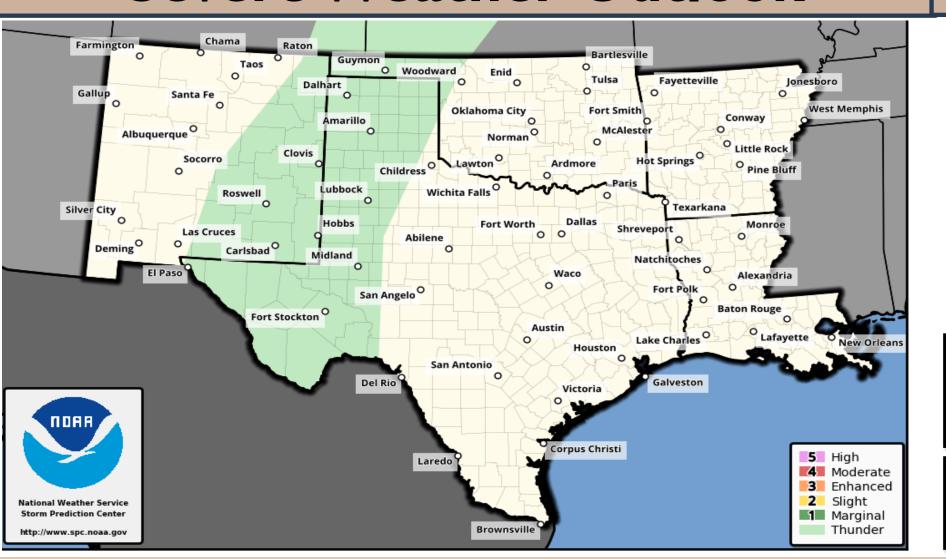


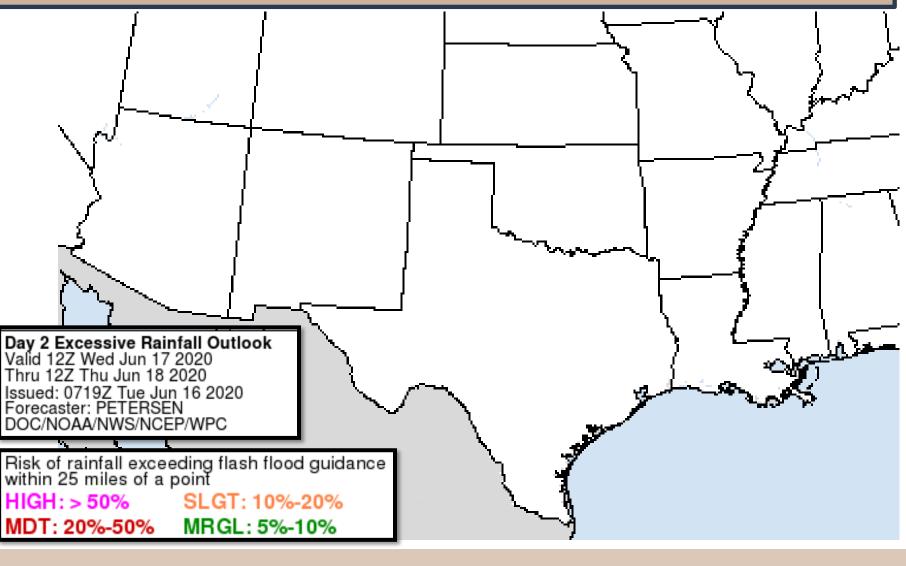


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#### Severe Weather Outlook

#### **Excessive Rainfall Outlook**



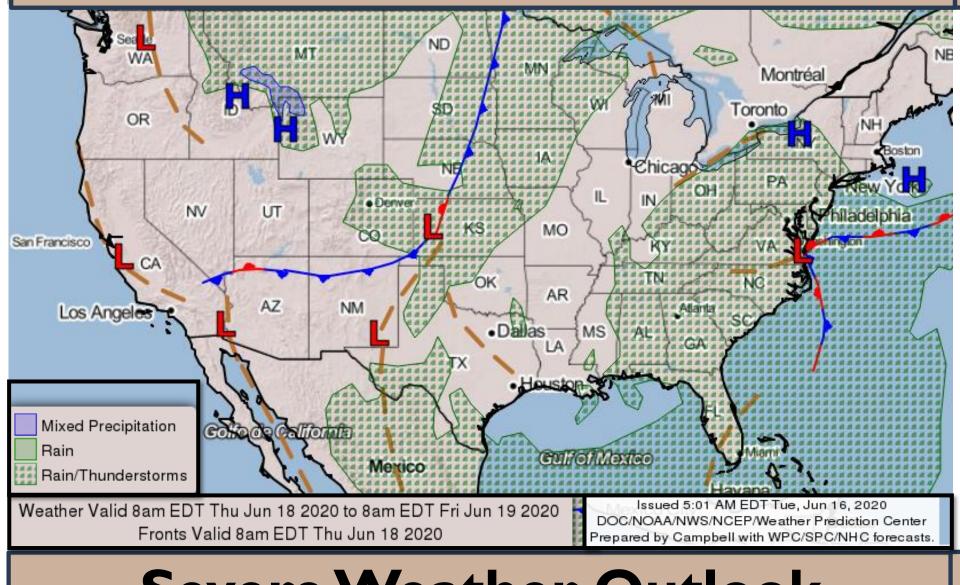


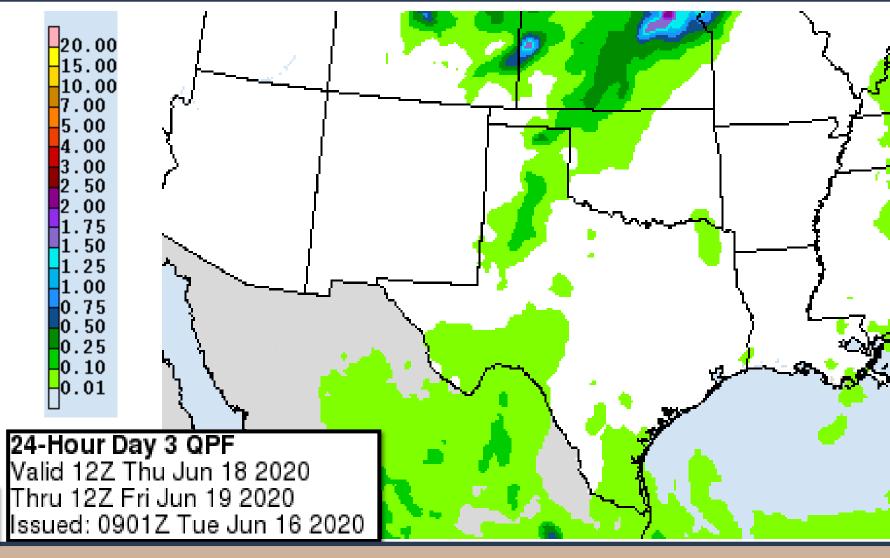
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#### **Forecast Chart**

#### **Forecast Rainfall**

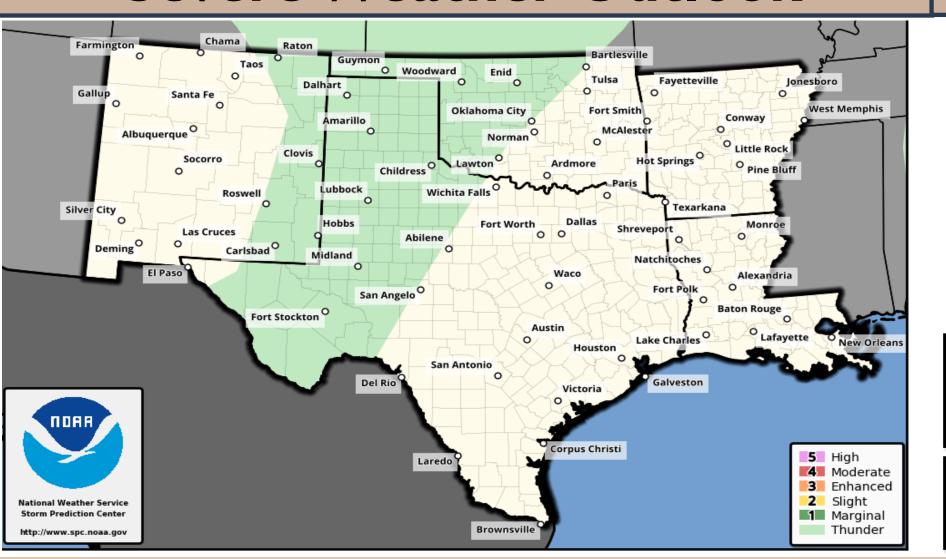


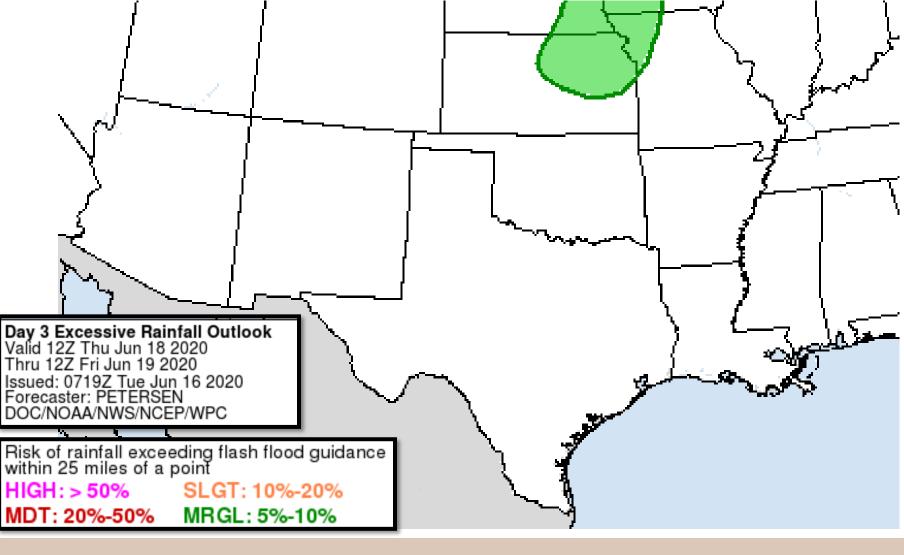


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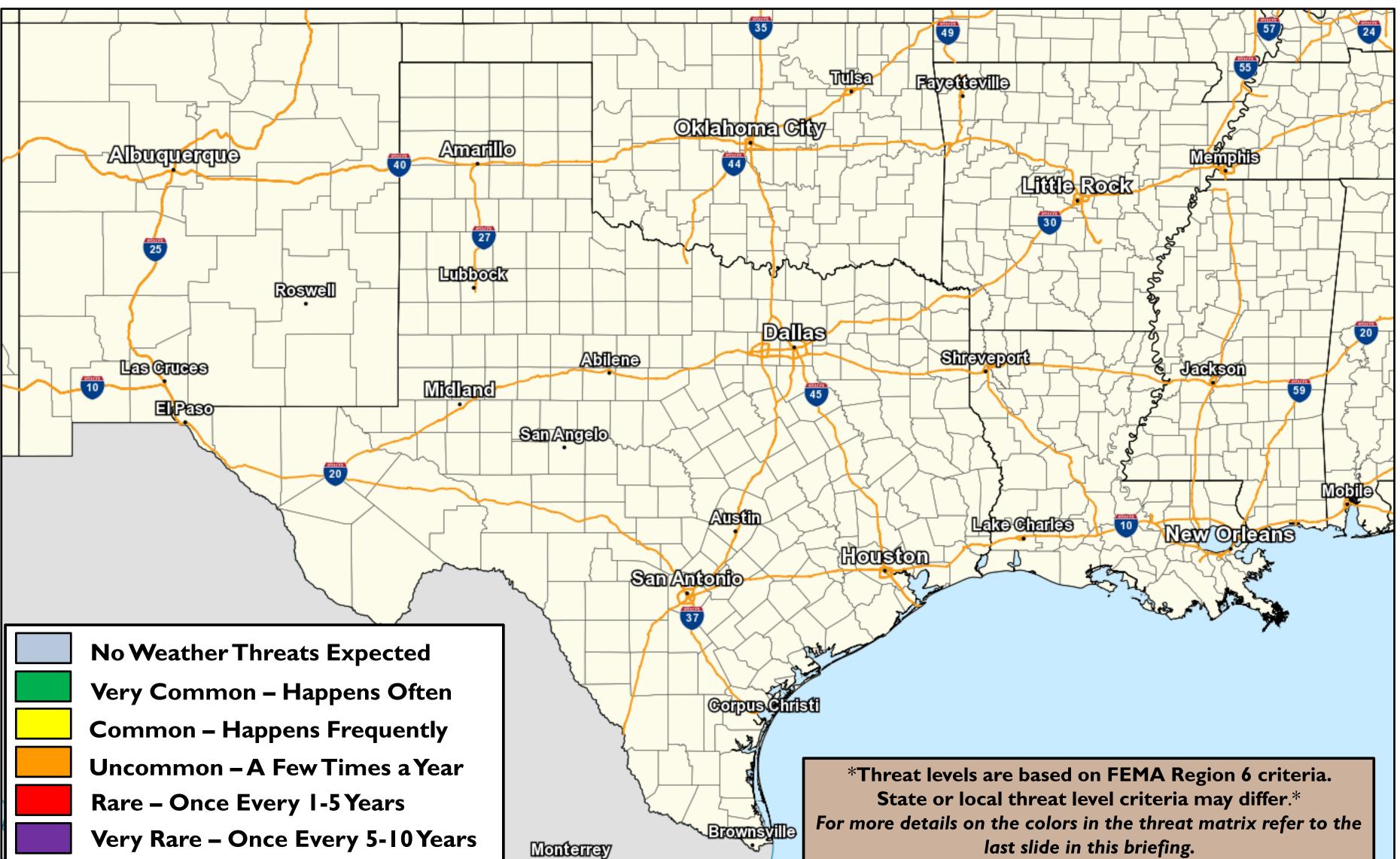




## Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

#### Friday - Saturday



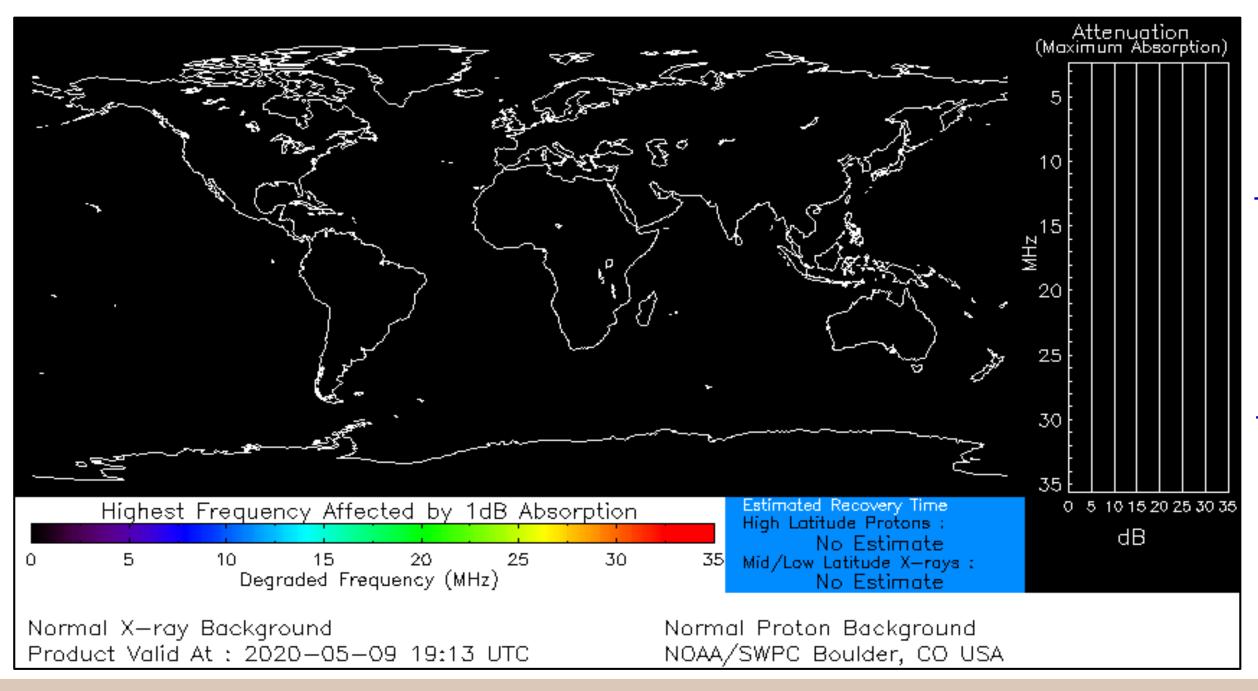


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## Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (SI-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (RI-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



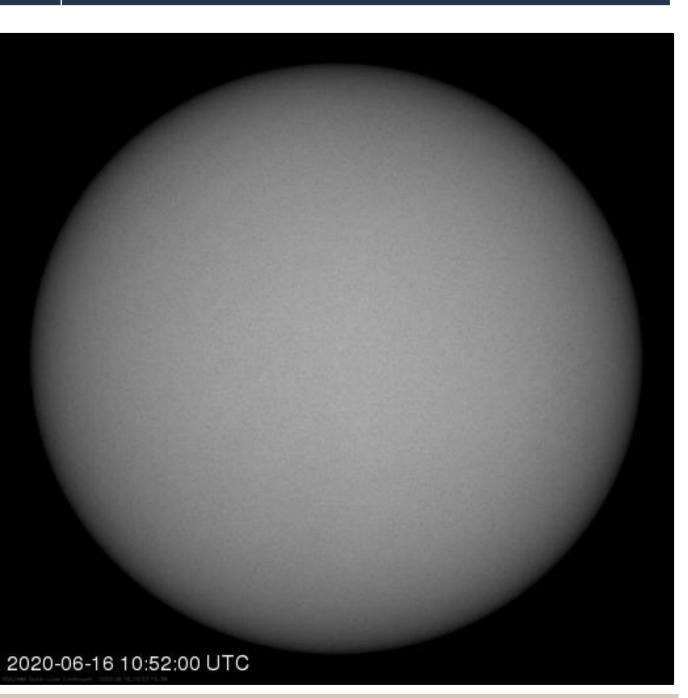
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Weather Storm Scales

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3-Day Space Weather

Forecast Text





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	Weather "Threat" Matrix					
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)			
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>			
Yellow	Somewhat Common — Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>			
Orange	Uncommon — A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>			
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>			
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long- lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>			

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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